

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has requested clarification of the election of species. The previously election of species, below is affirmed:

(A) Substrate attachment and type of substrate:

polymers that are unattached (non-covalently bonded) to the substrate,
wherein the substrate is a plate type substrate;

(B) Polymer array prepared:

polycarbonates, at least 10 polymers;

(C) Delivery of reagents in each group:

simultaneous delivery of components to two or more regions of a
substrate;

(D) Polymerization control and timing:

control of polymerization is independent for each region and the process
in each region is conducted simultaneously;

(E) Delivery means:

pipette;

(F) Screening:

for an chemical property;

(G) Method of screening:

parallel; and

(H) Further pressurization:

the array is not further pressurized with a gas during polymerization.

The Examiner has requested clarification of the election of the polymer species.
Applicants further elect the species of polymer that is polycarbonate, wherein the polymer is a
copolymer, and wherein the polymer is non-cross-linked.

The Examiner has requested clarification of the claims that read generically on the elected species. Claims generically readable on the elected species are claims 94-103, 106-107, 112, 115-116, 121, 123-124, 126-127, 129-145, 151-152, 158 and 163. The Examiner stated that claims 94, 124 and 127, and claims dependent thereon appear not to read on the elected species. It is submitted that claims 94, 124, and 127 do read on the elected species because the method *comprises* preparing an array *comprising* first and second polymers, but is not limited to a method of preparing two polymers. The method as claimed also encompasses preparing more than two polymers. The method includes the preparation of at least two polymers but is not limited to the preparation of two polymers. Accordingly, it is submitted that the claims noted above read on the elected species.

Applicants note that upon allowance of a generic claim, the Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species.

Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

If any further clarification is needed regarding the election of species, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney to facilitate prosecution.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 220032001301. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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